

**REMARKS**

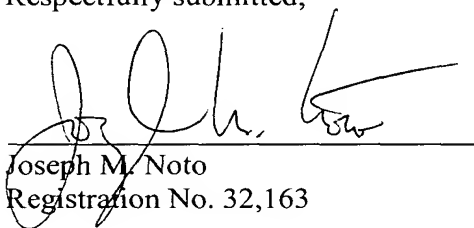
Entry of the foregoing in advance of the initial Office Action is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment, claims 1-21 and 23-27 have been amended and claim 28 has been canceled to conform the foreign language originating text to U.S. practice.

Early allowance of the pending claims is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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